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Amendment
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Amendments To The Specification:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 under the title of the abstract as shown:

~~An apparatus for manipulating a medical device is formed of at least three coupled movable blades which are disposed about a reference circle to form an aperture whose size may be varied. The aperture capable of being sized to contain a medical device. Each blade is in communication with an actuation device which is capable of moving the blade to alter the size of the aperture. Each blade includes a single radial point which a) lies on the circumference of the reference circle prior to movement of the blade, and b) may be moved only along a radius of the reference circle on movement of the blade.~~

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A method of reducing a stent in cross-section comprises the steps of a) providing a crimper having a plurality of closely spaced movable dies defining an aperture; b) placing a stent disposed about a catheter within the aperture; and c) crimping the stent onto the catheter by reducing the size of the aperture. The dies are arranged to form an iris. The dies move simultaneously with one another and exert a substantially non-radial resultant force on a stent. The iris has an aperture which is reducible in size by moving the dies. The aperture having a center, each of the dies having a longitudinal axis which is tangent to the aperture;

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[Please amend the paragraph after the heading "Cross-Reference to related Applications" as shown:]

This application is a Continuation application from Application No. 09/966,686 filed October 1, 2001 which is a Continuation application from Application No. 09/401,218 filed September 22, 1999, now patent no. 6,360,577, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.